

This project has developed a tremendous collaboration of government agencies and non-profit organizations. Key partners in the Women, Land and LegacySM project include:

Local Iowa State University Extension Service
National Catholic Rural Life Conference (NCRLC)
North Central Region Center for Rural Development
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA)



The statewide WLLSM committee includes: Beth Grabau, FSA, Carol Richardson Smith, NCRLC, and Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, NRCS.

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Women, Land and LegacySM: Building Your Farm's Future Today



An Outreach Project of the
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Vision - "Women, Land and LegacySM helps agricultural women come together to converse, listen, and become empowered to act on their landscape and in their community."

Mission - "Through small group dialogue and focused conversation processes used by Women, Land and LegacySM, Iowa agricultural women are given the opportunity to inform agencies and organizations of their needs and what specific outreach strategies would serve them best."



Through Women, Land and LegacySM and a very specific process, women are given a voice and empowerment. Women participate as small groups to reflect on specific questions and then contribute through dialogue. This process allows women to share their thoughts, values, and dreams with the small group and also with the larger group of participants.



Participants in Women, Land and LegacySM will:

Determine "best idea" strategies to help local women as they make decisions on land.

Determine what needs to be done locally to implement these "best idea" strategies.

Have the opportunity to make things happen for women in their county.

Develop a strong support network of agricultural women in their county or community.

Women, Land and LegacySM will be implemented in more than 40 Iowa counties by 2007. The goal of Women, Land and LegacySM is to incorporate this concept across the state of Iowa.